

Alexandria Gazette

WEDNESDAY EVENING APRIL 27.

LOCAL NEWS.

For this section local showers, winds generally southerly, slightly warmer.

CITY COUNCIL.

There was a regular meeting of the City Council last night.

IN THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
A quorum appeared in the chamber a few minutes after eight o'clock.

Mr. Strauss, from the Committee on Light, reported in favor of giving sixty dollars worth of gas annually to the Young Men's Christian Association, and that should the association erect a lamp post in front of their premises, on King street, the city furnish the gas used by the same. He spoke in favor of adopting the report, saying the association's works and aims were laudable and should receive all reasonable encouragement.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on General Laws made reports on sundry matters, among them one on an ordinance introduced some weeks ago amending the charter in reference to the collection of assessments against property owners in front of whose premises improvements should hereafter be made.

Mr. Smith, from the committee, explained the object of the bill, and said he believed it covered all the ground in the case.

Mr. Downham thought some clause should be inserted specifying the amounts property owners would be compelled to pay. No one knew who would succeed the present members of Council, and it seemed to him the way the bill was worded might mislead, and assessments might be made at \$100, which in some instances would amount to virtual confiscation of property.

Mr. Strauss moved that the report be adopted.

Mr. Leadbeater was opposed to any haste in the matter. Paving streets was a costly undertaking, and before this bill was passed it should be maturely considered. He moved it over till next meeting.

Mr. Strauss spoke in favor of adopting the report, and explained at length the object of the bill, and was followed by Mr. Smith, who also explained its provisions.

Mr. Downham reiterated that the amounts to be exacted from property owners should be specified.

Mr. Burke seconded Mr. Leadbeater's motion to lay over, but upon a vote being taken the motion was lost, and the report of the committee recommending that the bill be transmitted to Hon. Charles E. Stuart, Speaker of the House of Delegates, for action by the Legislature, adopted.

A communication from S. G. Brent, Corporation Attorney, returning certain bills against Edmund Burke, W. A. Cave and John W. Greene for rent of rooms in the Market Building, and reporting his inability to collect the same, was read.

The President asked what action should be taken.

Mr. Burke thought something should be done in order to collect the bills or compel the delinquents to vacate.

Mr. Strauss moved that the communication be received.

Mr. Burke reiterated that something should be done in the matter. If these parties failed to pay their rent they should be compelled to vacate and the rooms rented to others.

The President said suit could not be entered without an order from the City Council.

Mr. Leadbeater was in favor of compelling the delinquents to settle or vacate.

Mr. Marbury—"Suppose you can't collect the rent?"

Mr. Burke—"Then let them get out."

The matter was then dropped temporarily when

Mr. Moore, member of the board from the First ward, offered his resignation as an Alderman, and gave his reasons therefor. He had been a resident of the Third ward for some time, but had proposed to go back to the First ward again. His plans, however, had miscarried, and he therefore deemed it his duty to resign—his resignation to take effect on the thirtieth of next June.

The resignation was accepted, after which a recess was taken, and upon the board being called to order,

Mr. Leadbeater offered a resolution directing the Corporation Attorney to institute suit against Messrs. Edmund Burke, W. A. Cave and J. H. Greene to recover the amounts they severally owe the city for rent, and serve legal notice on the delinquents to vacate the rooms they now occupy, and that upon a failure to comply with the notice, the Attorney be directed to proceed against said parties in due form of law.

The resolution was adopted, after which a bill followed while awaiting business from the lower board, and upon being called to order the Aldermen concurred in several matters which had been acted upon by the Common Council. The board proceeded to the chamber of the lower board to participate in the election of a School Trustee for the Fourth ward in place of K. Kemper, esq., resigned, and upon their return adjourned.

COMMON COUNCIL.

The Common Council held its regular meeting last night, President Eichberg in the chair and a fair attendance at the desks.

The Committee on Finance reported in favor of leasing the American coal wharves for ten years at \$4,000 cash and \$800 a year.

Mr. Snowden said that the committee had considered the subject for a month and thought of it in all the lights of which it is capable. Mr. Smoot, in his letter to Council, had offered \$600, but another reliable gentleman had, through the Clerk of the Council, offered \$800. Mr. Smoot was also willing to pay \$800, and not require any repairs. The repairs had cost about \$700 per annum. The rent heretofore had been \$2,100 per annum, but the repairs reduced that to about \$1,400. Mr. Rodgers thought that \$4,000 repairs would be needed immediately and in this view he thought the reduction of rent to Mr. Smoot was only apparent, and not real. Mr. Smoot deserved well of the city for his energy, and he would make large improvements at the wharf.

Mr. Sweeney thought that while W. A. Smoot & Co., as enterprising merchants, deserved great consideration, yet, in making a bargain, the interests of the city also were to be considered. The city had now leased the wharf to the American Coal Company at \$2,100. This lease does not expire until November, 1889. If the lease has been turned over to Mr. Smoot the City Council has had no information of the transaction. The subject of repair was one that the City Council, and not Mr. Rodgers, should determine. He thought that \$4,000 was too large an estimate. The prospect of a rise in rental value was very great. This board not long since gave permit to make a double track on Union street, and it was reported that the freight depot of both railroads would be placed near the north end of Union street, which would be adjacent to this wharf and would, of course, largely increase its value. The railroad company have a fine river front, and if the ferry slip of the railroad should be removed there, this, too, would add largely to the

rental value of the wharf. It seemed to him evident that it was not good policy to make so long a lease when there was so good a prospect.

Mr. Snowden said that Mr. Sweeney had not looked into the matter as thoroughly as the committee had done. The committee knew that Messrs. Smoot & Co. had sublet the American coal wharf from the American Coal Company, and they were convinced that while the rent was much less, the fact that all repairs would be made by the lessee would take from the city a great burden and one that would be repaid the city at once. He did not think the estimate of \$4,000 for repairs was excessive.

Mr. Sweeney said the Council were in no hurry to get a tenant. The present lease had more than two years to run, and by that time the value of the property would probably be increased by the changes likely to occur. There had been already a higher offer than that of Mr. Smoot, and Mr. Smoot had only increased his offer to \$800 in the face of another bid of that amount.

Mr. Corbett asked that the report of the committee be read again. It was read from the back of Mr. Smoot's proposition, as follows:

"The finance committee recommend that the American Coal Wharf be leased to W. A. Smoot & Co. for ten years, at a yearly rental of \$800, from November 1st to 30th."

He understood the committee to say that \$4,000 would be paid down and \$800 per annum from the 1st of March, 1887.

Mr. Snowden said that the contract would be made on that basis; this endorsement had been hurriedly made, in order to present the report, at the last meeting of Council.

Mr. Aitchison saw no reason to be in a hurry about the matter. We are all right for two years anyhow. There were other citizens who would like to rent these wharves, and when a lease is made it should be public and all allowed to have a chance.

Mr. Peake said that some time ago the American Coal Co. had offered \$3,500 to be released from the contract, and that Mr. Smoot offered \$4,000 for the release, and then \$800 per annum. He thought the lease would be wise.

Mr. Corbett said he was so dull of comprehension that he did not understand how the adoption of the report of the committee to make the rent begin November 1, 1889, could make it begin March 1, 1887.

Mr. Fisher thought that the matter should be put on a broader basis than dealing with one man. Another gentleman had offered the committee \$800 rent for the wharf. The committee ignored this gentleman's offer entirely, but Mr. Smoot raised his offer from \$800 to \$800. This gentleman was willing to start his bid at \$800 and continue to bid. After a discussion of railroad rates, Mr. F. continued, and said that he thought it would be better to postpone the matter, and when a lease is to be made let all have a chance.

Mr. Snowden said that Mr. Smoot was already in possession of the property as a sub-lessee, and therefore the committee had dealt with him first. They could not give any one else possession before November, 1889.

President Eichberg (Mr. Peake in the chair) said the matter was an important one and he wanted time, and thought that so important a matter should not be disposed of at the meeting at which the report is first presented.

After a short recess, Mr. Snowden desired to say that there was need of speedy action. Mr. Smoot wished to know what Council was willing to do about the matter.

Action on the report was then laid over, whereupon

Mr. Snowden, on behalf of Mr. Smoot, said that gentleman withdrew his proposition.

The President—"Then there is nothing before Council."

Mr. Uhler then presented a communication from the American Coal Company requesting the City Council to at once put the wharf in repair. The communication was referred to the Committee on Public Property.

Subsequently the withdrawal of Mr. Smoot's proposition was reconsidered and the matter again referred to the Finance Committee.

When the proposal to give the Young Men's Christian Association free gas to the extent of \$60 per annum within their rooms and to put up a gas post and furnish gas at the entrance of their rooms came up,

Mr. Snowden said it was too late to take up anything that might call forth debate, and he moved to postpone.

Mr. Uhler hoped that action would be taken at once. The members of the Christian Association had fitted up a house and they would like to know what Council would do. Fifty dollars worth of gas was now given to the Light Infantry, and the only cost to Council would be sixty dollars to the Christian Association rooms. The street lamp post would be put up without expense to the city. The matter was postponed.

When a bill was presented for material used in the construction of the Columbia engine house the question was asked if this house would ever be paid for.

No other business occasioned discussion.

JOINT MEETING.

The two boards having convened in joint session, the chair announced that the business in order was the election of a school trustee from the 4th ward, vice K. Kemper, resigned. Mr. John T. Sweeney was nominated, and on motion the unanimous vote of the board was cast for him by the President of the Board of Aldermen.

The convention then dissolved and the board adjourned.

POLICE REPORT.—Last night was clear until about 2 o'clock, when it became cloudy, and later there was rain. There were two prisoners and three lodgers at the station house.

The Mayor this morning disposed of the following cases:

Robert Webb, colored, arrested by officers Bontz and Sherwood, charged with trespassing on the premises of Mrs. Dugan, was fined \$2.

Jas. Coleman, a small colored boy, arrested for stealing pencils, etc., from the store of Mr. G. E. French, was locked up.

Robt. Grady, a colored boy, arrested for striking a little white child with a stone, was fined \$1.

John Hudgens, a small colored boy, who was found wandering about the streets of Washington and brought to this city, was turned over to his parents.

THE R. & D. OFFICES.—The directors of the Richmond Terminal have decided to remove the main offices of the system from Washington to Richmond, where they were formerly situated. Yesterday Maj. James H. Dooley, second vice-president of the Richmond and Danville railroad at Richmond, received an official letter from Terminal headquarters in New York stating that the Executive Committee had directed the following general offices to be removed at once from Washington to Richmond: Treasurer's department, auditing department and legal department. This leaves the general manager and staff in Washington. General Manager Thomas assumes the management of the East Tennessee line, as well as continues that of the Richmond and Danville. Mr. Sol. Haas will be traffic manager of both properties.

PERSONAL.—Dr. W. E. K. Price, who resided in this city and in Washington several years, has returned to King George county and located at Edge Hill.

Rev. S. B. Treadway, formerly of the M. P. Church of this city, but now of Washington, has accepted a call from the M. P. Church at St. James, Md.

Councilman J. T. Sweeney was last night elected by the City Council a school trustee for the Fourth ward in place of Mr. K. Kemper, resigned.

The Richmond Times says: It is expected that General M. D. Corne, of Alexandria, will be invited to preside at the Pickett's Division reunion, as General Kemper has been compelled to decline.

A large number of ladies and gentlemen left here to-day for Washington to attend the wedding of Mr. B. F. Fendall and Miss Florence Mason, which took place at St. John's Church, Washington, this evening.

CAPIZED.—The schooner Samuel Chase, Capt. Tolly Price, belonging to Mr. S. D. Watson, of Classic Shore, and loaded with fish for Mr. Theo. Perry, of this city, was capized during a squall near Maryland Point, yesterday evening. The tug Comet picked up the crew and brought them to this city, and to-day returned with assistance to right the vessel.

THE MIKADO.—To-morrow night Gilbert and Sullivan's tuncful opera, "The Mikado," will be given at the Opera House by the National Mikado Company, an organization of carefully selected voices. An orchestra of ten pieces will furnish the accompaniment, and a strong chorus will lend their aid in the production of the opera.

FISH.—Since yesterday's report about 100,000 herring and 1,000 shad have arrived at Fishtown. Herring sold at from \$3.50 to \$4.50 per thousand and shad at from \$12 to \$15 per hundred.

LOCAL BRIEVITIES.

The sailing day of the New York steamer has been changed from Wednesday to Friday.

The postponed paper chase will come off to-morrow evening—the weather permitting.

At a meeting of the Mechanics Building Association held last night eleven loans, of \$2300, were made at par.

A raft of piles to be used in the construction of the foundation now being built at the ship yard arrived there to-day.

The shipment of green peas from Eastern North Carolina has commenced, and immense quantities are now passing through Norfolk to the northern markets.

The remodeling of the building on King street recently bought by the Young Men's Christian Association is fast being completed, and it will soon be ready for occupancy.

Last night, in Washington, while young Messrs. John Wedderburn and Clifford Rose, newspaper correspondents, were fencing, the former accidentally severed an artery in the hand of Mr. Rose, inflicting a severe wound.

Mr. S. H. Lunt to-day received from the manufacturer a handsome soda fountain of the latest patent and design which he will at once put in position at his store on the corner of King and Fairfax streets.

The "committee" engaged in getting up the ticket to be run in opposition to the democratic nominees, at the coming election, met last night and reported progress, but did not announce the names of the candidates.

A unanimous vote of thanks was passed at the last meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, to the ladies and gentlemen who have so kindly assisted in the recent series of entertainments given by them. The series closed with a charming "reading," by Prof. Tweedale, of Washington. Prof. Tweedale is a beautiful elocutionist, of rare ease and grace of manner, and with a naturalness and absence of "the professional" that is most agreeable. The net proceeds of the three entertainments will be about \$230.

A number of gentlemen from this city will go to Richmond to-morrow to urge the State Senate to pass the bill to incorporate the Mineral Railroad, which is proposed to build from Strasburg to the West Virginia coal fields, and in the building of which this city is largely interested.

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OFFICIAL.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen held April 26, 1887, there were present: E. E. Downham, esq., President, and Messrs. Moore, Burke, Strauss, Marbury, Leadbeater and Smith. The Committee on Light reported in favor of granting free gas to the amount of \$60 per annum to the Young Men's Christian Association in their building, No. 197 King street, and to furnish gas for a lamp erected by the association; also favorably on the petition of sundry citizens for the erection of a gas lamp at the corner of Oranoco and Patrick streets; also adversely on the proposition of the United Gas Improvement Company to purchase the Gas Works, and the reports were adopted.

The Committee on General Laws reported that no action was necessary on the communication of P. H. Sullivan, manager of the Telephone Company, so long as the Telephone Company affords the facilities desired; also recommending the sending of an act to amend the charter of the city to Hon. C. E. Stuart, with the request that he have it enacted into a law.

A petition of J. T. Miller for permission to erect a frame addition to his premises, was referred to the Committee on Streets.

A bill of the Marine Railway, Shipbuilding and Coal Company, \$15.24, for lumber furnished the Columbia engine house, was ordered to be paid.

Mr. W. A. Moore, member of the Board from the First ward, tendered his resignation as a member of the Board of Aldermen, to take effect on the 30th of June next.

The Corporation Attorney returned the bills against E. Burke, J. H. Greene and W. A. Cave for rent of rooms in the Market House Building, with a communication stating that he had presented the bills and they were not paid; whereupon the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Corporation Attorney be, and he is hereby, instructed to institute suit against Edmund Burke, John H. Greene and W. A. Cave to recover the amounts they severally stand indebted to the City Council of Alexandria for rent of rooms in the Market House Building; and that said Corporation Attorney, as the agent of said City Council of Alexandria, notify said parties, according to law, to vacate the rooms severally occupied by them in said building, and in the event the said parties, or either, or any of them, refuse to deliver up possession of the rooms so occupied by them, then and in that event to proceed in the name of the said City Council of Alexandria by all proper legal proceedings and measures to recover possession of said rooms.

A report of the Finance Committee on the petition of Mrs. Mary Broadus for a rebate on her improvement tax bill; also a petition of Samuel Pulman to have curb set, &c.; also a petition of sundry citizens for gas lamps at the corners of Alfred and Gibson and Alfred and Franklin streets; also a petition of sundry citizens in regard to the ditch on Henry street; also a communication from J. H. Parrott, agent; also a communication from J. T. Hill, Collector Northern District; also a communication from the Auditor on the bill of H. H. Henry; also a petition of J. T. Miller for permission to rebuild a portico; also a petition of Ellen Coleman for permission to erect a frame house; also a communication from the Clerk of the School Board, were received from the Common Council and their action concurred in.

The board then proceeded to the chamber of the Common Council for the purpose of electing a School Trustee, and upon their return adjourned.

Teste: Jno. J. JAMESON, Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the city of Alexandria held on the 26th day of April, 1887, there were present: Isaac Eichberg, esq., President, and Messrs. Moore, Aitchison, Snowden, Fisher, Whitting, Goodrich, Corbett, Harrison, Strider, Uhler, Pullman, Sweeney and Peake.

The Finance Committee, in the matter of the petition of Mrs. Mary Broadus, for an abatement of an improvement tax, reported in favor of an abatement of \$20.07, which report was adopted.

The Finance Committee, in the matter of the application of W. A. Smoot & Co. to lease the American coal wharf, reported recommending a lease for ten years from November 1st, 1889, at the annual rental of \$800, which report was recommended.

The following were referred to the Committee on Streets, viz: The petition of Samuel Pulman to have the curb set and gutter paved in front of his property at the corner of Alfred and Patrick streets, and the petition of John Hammersley and others, to have abated the nuisance caused by the ditch on Henry street, between King and Princess streets.

A communication from the City School Board, concerning a vacancy therein by the retirement of K. Kemper, esq., was received and read.

A communication from the Auditor, accompanied by an allowance made by the Corporation Court to Mrs. Martha Henry, was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A communication from the Collector of the Northern District, concerning a bill against the Alexandria Infirmary of \$10 with the request of the trustees of the Infirmary for an abatement of the said tax, was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The petition of J. T. Miller, to improve and build a portico, in the rear of his residence, at the southeast corner of Lee and Prince streets, was read and the prayer thereof granted.

The following were received from the Board of Aldermen, and their action thereon concurred in, viz: The report of the Committee on General Laws upon the communication of the Southern Bell Telephone Company; the report of the Committee on Light upon the petition of M. B. Harlow and others, for a gas lamp at the corner of Oranoco and Patrick streets; the bill of the Marine Railway, Shipbuilding and Coal Co., amounting to \$15.24; the report of the Committee on General Laws upon the amendment to section 33 of the City Charter; and a resolution to authorize the Corporation Attorney to sue Edmund Burke, Jno. H. Greene and Wm. A. Cave, for office rent due the city, and to notify them to vacate the offices now occupied by them in the market building.

The petition of Ellen Coleman, for permission to erect a frame dwelling on her lot, on Leestreet, between Duke and Prince streets, was read and the prayer thereof granted.

A communication from the American Coal Co., notifying Council of the sub-lease of its wharf to W. A. Smoot & Co., and requesting the wharf to be put in repair, was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The petition of James W. Nails and others, to have gas lamps placed on Alfred street at its intersection with Gibson and Franklin streets, was referred to the Committee on Light.

The Board of Aldermen were invited to meet this Board in joint convention, to fill the vacancy in the City School Board occasioned by the resignation of K. Kemper, esq., which invitation being accepted and the two Boards being in joint convention assembled, John T. Sweeney, esq., was duly elected to fill the said vacancy, and the joint convention then dissolved.

The following were received from the Board of Aldermen, and laid over, viz: Reports of the Committee on Light upon the communication of the United Gas Improvement Company, and upon the petition of the Young Men's Christian Association for free gas; and the report of the Corporation Attorney upon the communication of Jno. T. Hill as to the title to the lot of ground on Fayette street, between King and Cameron streets.

The petition of Jno. T. Miller, for building permit, referred by the Board of Aldermen to the Committee on Streets, was received and laid on the table.

The Board then adjourned.

Teste: JAMES R. CATON, Clerk.

LANNON'S OPERA HOUSE.

THE EVENT OF THE SEASON.

FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 6th, 1887.

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